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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. In an article entitled "The Ring Around McCarthy" by Richard Wilson in LOOK magazine, December 1, 1953, p. 29, the following are mentioned as among those close to the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy at that time:

"an assortment of Nationalist Chinese, Central American, and Spanish diplomats"

Constance Bennett

Eugene Biggers (Appleby, Texas, McCarthy backer)

Representative Clarence J. Brown

Constantine Brown

Gwen Cafritz

Senator Homer E. Capehart

Chiang-Kai-Shek's son

Roy M. Cohn

Tom Coleman (Madison, Wisconsin, industrialist, former Republican state chairman, and GOP boss of Wisconsin)

H. R. Cullen (Texas oilman, multi-millionaire)

Mrs. Preston Davis

Mrs. Marcella Dupont

Francis D. Flanagan (McCarthy's general counsel)

Representative Charles A. Halleck

Austin Hancock (San Antonio insurance executive)

Walter Harnischfeger (manufacturer of prefabricated houses)

Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr.

Senator Spessard Holland

Wayne Hood (Wisconsin Republican state chairman)

J. Edgar Hoover ("finds more good than bad aspects to McCarthy and cooperates with him within practical limits, but Attorney General Herbert Brownell has his doubts about how far such cooperation should go.")

H. L. Hunt (Dallas oil operator "sometimes called the richest man in America.")

Senator William H. Jenner

Victor A. Johnston (one of Stassen's political organizers)

Rex Kerney (editorial writer, Wisconsin State Journal)

Ray Kiermas (Wisconsin banker, executive assistant to McCarthy)

Madame V. K. Wellington Koo

Tom Korb (McCarthy's administrative assistant)

Robert E. Lee (former FBI agent; later on FCO)

Fulton Lewis, Jr. ("Commentator Fulton Lewis keeps his relations with McCarthy second-hand as much as possible through Neller [see below] or other third parties. Thus Neller has worked with Don Surine, an FBI agent disconnected from the service by J. Edgar Hoover and now on the party's staff. Surine and Miss Kerr (who became Mrs. McCarthy) collaborated to lay low Senator Tydings of Maryland in the bizarre series of events condemned by a Senate investigating committee.")

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Senator George W. Malone

Douglas Marshall (son-in-law of H. R. Cullen)

Fred Miller (Miller Brewing Company)

Steve Miller (Wisconsin cheese broker)

Clint Murchison (Texas oilman)

Vice President Richard M. Nixon

Edward K. Heller ("a former reporter for the New York Sun, who worked for several years as an investigator and reporter for Fulton Lewis. He still writes Lewis's syndicated column in the Hearst newspapers but is also independently employed as a Washington correspondent by the North American Newspaper Alliance. He became an unofficial volunteer advisor to McCarthy on the fairly sound journalistic assumption that he could thus keep abreast of what McCarthy was doing.")

Westbrook Pegler ("Though no party-goer, confers frequently with McCarthy")

Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest

Hamilton Raddis (Wisconsin lumberman)

John Reidl (editor, Appleton Post-Crescent)

G. David Schine

Matt Schuh (president, Appleton State Bank)

General Lommel C. Shepherd, Jr.

George Sokolaky

Harold E. Stassen (into whose orbit McCarthy was said to have been drawn in his early days.)

Don Surine (ex-FBI agent working for McCarthy)

Mrs. Garvin Tankersley (the former Ruth Elizabeth Bazy McCormick, at whose horse farm in Maryland McCarthy's inner circle is supposed to gather.)

Walter Trohan

Henry J. Van Straven (Appleton school superintendent)

Danton Walker (Broadway columnist)

General Albert G. Wadswayer

Senator Herman Welker

John Wyngaard (Wisconsin columnist)

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